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SUMMARY FOR 2017

This report takes us through week 52 of 2017. We continue to struggle with mentally ill and violent people on the streets. Last year in the HBID we handled 3689 calls. This year we have handled 3859 which is an increase of 170 calls over last year's record pace. In the SBID we handled 2556 calls last year compared to 2815 for 2017. That is an increase of 259 calls. The combined total for both BID's for 2016 was 6245 calls. The 2017 total is 6674 which gives us a total increase of 429 calls. This is a challenge as the increased calls take time away from high visibility patrol and other duties.

Changes for 2017-Unarmed force

In order to help address the issue of high visibility, we have started an unarmed bike team. Their first day was on 7-11-17. They received about two weeks of in house training and hit the streets on 7-19-17. From that date until the present they have visited 7728 businesses. Many of the employees in these establishments have given the officers positive feedback regarding their patrols.

Outreach Specialist

We have seen a steady increase in our homeless population this year. We have also noticed a change in the type of people sleeping on our streets. Many seem to have embraced this lifestyle and are not interested in our efforts to help move them into housing. This group takes up a huge amount of our resources by generating calls for service etc. We also still have a group of severely mentally ill people on the streets. Several have died on the street this year. We are constantly reaching out to this group and indeed have had some great success stories helping to move people into permanent supportive housing and conservatorships.

In order to achieve these goals, we have worked closely with our partners in the homeless outreach community. In order to improve in this area we have added a professional outreach worker to our staff. He has gotten off to a fantastic start. He has met almost every homeless person in the BID areas. He has built a positive rapport with many and has been instrumental in getting people into housing and needed services. He has become a liaison for us with the entire outreach community. This allows him to help guide resources to the BID.

The city will soon have money available for homeless outreach and our outreach specialist will play a large role in directing these funds in our area so the money is not wasted.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 3-30-17, we assisted the LAPD with crowd control as a swarm of bees had taken up residence under a tour guides umbrella on the N/W corner of Hollywood and Highland.

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We kept tourists and others from walking up to the location. A bee wrangler (my term) arrived and vacuumed the bees into a container. The bees were relocated and no one was stung.

We had considered this swarm to be an assist from Mother Nature in our efforts to keep the alcove of a vacant building on the corner of Hollywood and Highland clear of encampments. They stayed for a couple of weeks and there was a drop off in people choosing to sleep on the sidewalk in that area. The swarm has now been removed and we are back to waking up people sleeping in the alcove each morning.



On 9-26-17, at about 12:45 P.M., our officers and I heard between six and eight gunshots just outside our office. Before I could get out of my chair, our officers had run out the door and towards the gunfire. Two rival rap entourages had come together in front of the Loews Hotel and violence ensued. A rapper was shot multiple times. He and his body guard ran and ended up in the Shoe Palace store just outside our office.

Our officers secured the crime scene at Loews as the suspects fled. Two of our officers saw the victim run into the store and they followed. I in turn followed these officers. We followed an immense blood trail towards the back of the store. The victim was down and bleeding from multiple wounds. Store employees brought clothing and paper towels in an attempt to stem the blood flow. I saw that the victim was not able to communicate and his breathing became very shallow.

One of our officers made a tourniquet out of a T-shirt as it appeared an artery had been severed. He applied the tourniquet and sat on the floor holding the victim while applying pressure to his wounds. He did this until paramedics arrived after a considerable delay.

LAPD Captain Palka later flagged down one of our officers and said that paramedics said that our officers' actions saved the victim's life. He would have bled out without his assistance.

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Young Dolph

On 9-28-17, our unarmed bike patrol officers escorted a group of students from the Adobe Community School located at 1605 Cherokee to the library on Ivar. The parents were concerned for their children as they would have had to walk past numerous homeless people. One of our supervisors oversaw the operation. We also escorted them back to the school a few hours later.

On 9-28-17, our unarmed bike officers were on patrol at Gower Gulch when they ran into LAPD Captain Palka. He thanked them for their high visibility patrol and asked to take their photograph to put online.

On 10-18-17, Captain Palka was on a foot patrol with some of his officers when three of our unarmed bike officers passed by. He stopped to thank them once again for their high visibility patrol.

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On 11-24-17, our officers were on patrol when they came across an LAPD Officer struggling with a suspect at Yucca and Las Palmas. Our officers stopped and helped getting the suspect handcuffed. Back-up LAPD officers arrived and our officers returned to patrol.

On 12-20-17, our officers were doing paperwork in our office when they heard a loud explosion which shook the windows. They ran out the door and saw a large amount of glass and debris in the northbound lanes of Highland. They then saw that the windows of Tinhorn Flats were all broken. The officers could smell gas. Pedestrians had started evacuating the Jefferson Apartment building and some were milling around.

Our officers feared that a second explosion could occur. They cleared the pedestrians and blocked the sidewalk with crime tape. They also stopped both northbound and southbound traffic on Highland. Our officers maintained the scene until first responders arrived about fifteen minutes later.

Violent Mentally Ill People:

On 1-31-17, we received a call from Amoeba Records located at 6400 Sunset of a man wielding a knife. Our dispatcher advised them to call the LAPD. The caller then said that the police had just pulled up. The man with the knife attacked a woman with his knife in front of Ground Works Coffee Shop (1501 Vine). He then went to the front of the L.A. Film School where he stabbed a young man. He then went to the Jack in the Box located at 6407 Sunset Blvd. and stabbed an elderly man. The LAPD officers then engaged and shot the suspect. The man with the knife was killed. Three other people were taken to the hospital.

On 10-8-16, we handled an incident that could have ended up the same as the above Jack in the Box situation. We received a call of a man starting a fire outside of California Wings located at 1649 Cahuenga. Upon arrival our officers contacted the man who had indeed started a small fire. He was down on the sidewalk and they asked him to get up.

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The man grabbed a knife with a 4" blade and then stood. He held it in a knife fighting type grip and then threatened the officers with it. He started swinging the knife in a slicing motion. People were coming out of area restaurants and they had to get out of the way. Our officers directed people away from the suspect while back-up officers blocked other pedestrians from walking up on the scene. We called 911 and the LAPD responded quickly to the scene and placed the man under arrest.

On 4-11-17, a man entered the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. He bought a soda and then returned to the counter demanding a refill. This is against the stores policy and he was refused. The man became extremely angry and he threw his cup of ice at an employee. He moved closer to the counter and it appeared that he was going to climb over it. He spit on the employees as the manager got in front of him in an attempt to protect them. The employees under attack were two petite women. The LAPD responded but the man had fled the scene.

On 4-25-17, we received a call of a man down at Wilcox and Hollywood. The officers spoke to the man who appeared to be pretending to be asleep. The man suddenly stood in a very aggressive manner and started shouting obscenities at the officers. He started to walk away, but then turned and spat on an officer. Then officers decided to place the man under arrest. He ran out into traffic causing cars to brake sharply to avoid hitting him. The officers ended their pursuit of the suspect due to the safety factors for all concerned. We have seen the man in the area in the past and will no doubt encounter him again.

On 5-20-17, our outreach team made contact with a group of young homeless people at 6777 Hollywood Blvd. This group travels around as a group and simply takes over wherever they come to rest. In the below photo they are seen with their property and debris. Unseen is the dog feces smeared on the sidewalk. Members of the group use names such as Wick, Havoc, Paul, Damian, Boom box, Trippy, etc. Our team offered assistance in getting them off the street, but they are not interested. We are struggling to find a solution to this problem.



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MEETINGS ATTENDED:

I have documented 224 meetings attended by my staff and I. These were with law enforcement, business and homeless outreach communities. We discuss problem solving and find ways to share resources in our ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in the BID areas. Our total attended is probably closer to 300 as we failed to document numerous meetings attended by staff.

OUTREACH:

On 2-3-17, I participated in a meeting with AT+T staff at their facility. Kerry Morrison and staff, the LAPD, council office, BID board members, local business leaders, residents and others attended. The purpose was to address issues of homeless encampments and debris on and around the property. Graffiti and other issues were discussed as well.

On 2-7-17, our officers found the man in the AT+T tent at home. They told him that he was trespassing and would have to move. We later watched as the man dropped his encampment to the sidewalk below. This included his tent, several chairs, a ladder and other items. He then left the location.



High Rise Camper

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The AT+T staff did a great job reclaiming the property. They painted the building and cleaned up the surrounding area. We are providing extra patrol in the area and will do everything in our power to assist.

On 2-10-17, I sent our outreach team to check on a homeless encampment on Highland just north of Hollywood Blvd. There were two tents plus 8 to 10 people sleeping on the sidewalk. This had been going on for some weeks.

The team arrived there at about 10:30 A.M. They spoke to "Robert" and other homeless people. They had spoken to the group on prior occasions. They offered the group assistance in getting shelter and services, but they all refused help. The team did not contact anyone in the tents as they were zipped shut.

At about 11:30 A.M. we became aware that there was a deceased homeless man in a blue tent. The homeless Robert said that the man's name is David. He was born in Texas and has a son in New York. Robert described David as being a little guy who was nice and quiet. He was also addicted to heroin. Robert said another homeless person discovered the body when he entered the tent looking for a pipe to smoke drugs with. I was able to find information about David on the coroner's web site and learned that he was 45 years old.

The LAPD and coroner's office responded and handled the investigation. It appeared to be a heroin overdose.

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During the month we participated in a late night count of homeless people in Hollywood. It was very cold and we realized it was time to do one of our periodic clothing drives. Our employees in Hollywood and Burbank brought in a very large amount of clothing. A company called Represent located at the Taft building also donated another 500 T-shirts. On 3-22-17, we started delivering the clothing to the Center, My Friends Place, the Youth Center on Highland, the United Methodist Church and the First Methodist Church. All these locations have programs supporting the homeless.





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After we distributed items, one of our officers donated another six bags full of blankets. We then gave them to the above listed groups. This is something we do throughout the year.

As of 5-12-17, we continue to have issues with Jonathan. On this date our outreach team reached out to him. He had defecated on himself and feces were all over his legs. He continues his use of drugs and still sleeps on the streets. The officers went and bought baby wipes and paper towels so he could clean up. They also got him some new pants which one of our armed teams delivered to him.

On 3-6-17, we found a very distraught 40 year old woman named Linda outside our office. She had luggage with tags indicating that she had traveled here from Dallas Texas, arriving at LAX on this date at 12:30 A.M. She remembered getting a motel room, but had no idea how she ended up in Hollywood. She seemed on the verge of panic.

Linda said that her foot hurt, her phone was dead and she wanted to go home. The officers tried to help, but she kept yelling at them demanding that they get her to the Los Angeles Greyhound depot. The officers gave her water, charged her phone and called Uber for her. Soon she was on her way.

On 3-28-17, we found a woman sleeping outside of our office. I recognized Michelle as we have had many contacts with her over the years. She was extremely hostile and we could not reason with her. She threw herself to the ground and started to take her clothing off. She then said that she wanted to kill herself by jumping off the upper staircase of the building.

We determined that Michelle was definitely a threat to herself and we called the LAPD. She fought so hard that it took six officers to load her into their SUV. This is because they were trying to avoid hurting her during the process. They finally had to call an ambulance to transport her. A 5150 hold was placed on Michelle.

The photos below show Michelle on the day of the incident and on 3-13-14. In the latter photo she is thanking our officer for helping to guide her into a PATH shelter. It is clear that her condition has deteriorated greatly over time. This is yet another example of one of our homeless people falling between the cracks. We will continue to work with our many partners in the outreach community to find solutions for these situations.

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On 4-5-17, our bike patrol officers spotted Craig slumped over on his side in the 1700 block of Whitley. They had trouble rousing the man. When they did he said that he was having chest pains and trouble breathing. The officers called paramedics who responded and took Craig to the hospital.

On 4-27-17, we took a load of donated clothing for the homeless to the United Methodist Church, and My Friend's Place.

The team then headed for the "Source" meeting at the Durant Library. A group of outreach providers assemble there every third Thursday to provide services to the homeless. Our team ran into the homeless 68 year old Alfred while on the way to the location. They convinced him to accompany them. They were able to get him a Tap card through the MTA, a free waiver for an ID card from the DPSS and a CES assessment from Devin of the Center.



On 10-6-17, our specialist met the Alfred at 7021 Hollywood Blvd. He walked him to the Center where he had an appointment to seek housing and services. They had to stop

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many times as Alfred has chronic asthma. He also had a stroke in the past as well as a foot injury. He was approved for housing and our specialist bought Alfred lunch.

They went back to the Center. Staff member Devin drove Alfred and our worker to 52nd Street in Los Angeles where the new housing was. It was a nice facility and they got him settled in. He will share a room with one man. The kitchen and a restroom are just outside of his room. He seemed very happy with his new home.



Our outreach specialist contacted the homeless Marlene who was hiding in some bushes at Gower Gulch. She was distraught and spoke of cults, being molested and going to war. She tried to give our worker money so he could buy her some food. He used his own funds and got her the items. She then calmed down. She may soon need hospitalization.

ENFORCEMENT:

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 203 arrests. Eleven were for drinking in public, 119 for alcohol referrals, 30 for trespass, 8 for battery, 10 for blocking the sidewalk, 9 for theft, 4 for miscellaneous misdemeanor, and 12 felonies. We also made 513 homeless referrals, assisted 85 agencies, provided 838 foot beat patrols for a total of 1265 hours, assisted 8961 citizens, handled 3859 radio calls for service and made 10963 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 125 arrests. Fifteen were for drinking in public, 78 for alcohol referrals, 18 for trespass, 2 for battery, 4 for blocking the sidewalk,



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2 for theft, 1 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 5 felonies. We also made 129 homeless referrals, assisted 51 agencies, provided 370 foot beat patrols for a total of 343 hours, assisted 4710 citizens, handled 2815 radio calls for service, and made 6702 business contacts.

The combined totals for both BIDS are 328 arrests. Twenty six for drinking in public, 197 or alcohol referrals, 48 for trespass, 10 for battery, 14 for blocking the sidewalk, 11 for theft, 5 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 17 felonies. We also made a combined total of 642 homeless referrals, assisted 136 agencies, provided 1208 foot beat patrols for a total of 1608 hours, assisted 13671 citizens, handled 6674 radio calls for service, and made 17665 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 3-14-17, we responded to the Chase Bank in regards to a call of a woman trespassing and refusing to leave. Our officers spoke to Lillian, but she refused to leave the location. After numerous warnings she was placed under arrest and taken to the LAPD station. Lillian claimed that she had been beaten and kicked by the officers. She said that they kidnapped her and took her to Jamaica. She also mentioned that she saw dragons flying by. A guard at the bank observed the arrest and verified that no force was used. As a precaution we called paramedics, but Lillian refused medical treatment.

On the same date, we went to a call of a disturbance at the Gay and Lesbian Center located at 1625 Schrader. Two men had been fighting, but the victim did not wish to prosecute. The manager did sign a private persons report for Kevin who broke the front door lock by repeatedly slamming it. We arrested him for felony vandalism. The manager estimated that the repairs would cost \$1200.00.

On 4/24/17, an LAPD officer came to the BID Patrol office and said he wanted to meet the BID Patrol officers that came to his assistance while arresting a combative male suspect on the 3rd floor in the Hollywood and Highland Entertainment Complex.

The officer stated that on 3/25/17 around 1730 hours, he and his partner were on a disturbance call on the 3rd level and they were in the process of arresting the subject when he suddenly became combative. He said that he and his partner were on the ground struggling with the suspect and they were feeling the exhaustion in getting the suspect under control. He said that he was able to radio for "Officer Needs Help".

The officer said that much to his surprise, there were several BID officers that immediately jumped in to help control the suspect and place him in handcuffs. The officer said that they, (BID officers), didn't stand around or have to be told to help out. He said that their response was immediate and they knew exactly what had to be done. He was surprised and relieved at the quick response. He said that he sustained injuries as a result of that incident and he was on workers compensation for two weeks. He truly believes that his injuries would have been far more extensive and the situation would

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have turned ugly if not for the actions of the BID officers involved. He wanted to meet the officers to shake their hand and say thank you.

On 5-25-17, we responded to a call of a theft suspect at 1725 Hudson (Black Rabbit Rose). Upon arrival we learned that suspect Matthew had entered the closed business and tried to steal alcohol. He kicked in a door to gain entry. When confronted by an employee, the suspect hit him in the head with a computer hard drive. He then spit on the employee and tried to flee the scene. He tried to escape through the east side door, but was blocked by our officers.

They convinced him to surrender and they took him into custody. The victim was bleeding from the head and there was a lump there. We placed the suspect under arrest for robbery and turned him over to the LAPD when they arrived at the scene. The suspect claimed to be HIV positive which made his spitting to be of increased concern.



On 6-14-17, we received a call from the unarmed mall security. They said there was a man waving a knife on the second floor. Our morning team responded.

We found the suspect sitting on the counter of a cap store called Lids. Merchandise was on the floor. The suspect had a knife in his hand which was bleeding. We later learned that he cut himself when he pulled out the knife. We also learned that the suspect had started choking a tourist. When store employees intervened, the suspect pulled out the knife.

The mall was very crowded with tourists and shoppers. Mall security blocked off the area as our team contained the suspect. Our officers held the man at gun and Taser point. The man was acting very strangely. He did put the knife in his pocket. We were not

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going to let him leave the store, but our goal was to contain him as LAPD was on the way. There was a smooth transition as their officers arrived. They stepped into the front and our officers moved back into a back-up role. The LAPD officers convinced the man to surrender after just a few minutes and he was placed under arrest.

On 6-12-17, we responded to a call of a man trespassing at the Office Depot located at 1240 Vine. The manager had asked the man to leave, but he was belligerent and confrontational. He refused to leave. Our officers asked Chris to leave, but he refused shouting profanities at the officers. The officers attempted to place him under arrest, but he resisted. He hit one officer several times with his elbow. He was wrestled to the ground and placed under arrest. There were no injuries.



On 6-20-17, we were having an issue with a man from Ethiopia named Nathaniel at the mall at Hollywood and Highland where my office is located. He snatched brochures from a tour salesman, ran into traffic and was scaring people. He was ordered off the property by the LAPD, our officers and mall security. At about 11:00 A.M., unarmed mall security came to my office seeking help. The man had just dumped water on someone. All our officers were tied up on calls so I went to assess the situation.

When I got to Hollywood Blvd., I saw the suspect running in my direction. He was waving a sledge hammer. I confronted him and he ran out into the middle of the street causing drivers of vehicles to brake and swerve out of the way. He then ran back to the sidewalk, past me and up to the vacant Foot Locker store on the corner of H+H. I heard a loud boom as he used the hammer to break the four glass doors causing \$20,000.00 in damage.

The suspect ran into the store and I followed fearing that there were employees inside. I found the suspect just to the left of the door and told him that he was under arrest. He

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came towards me, still holding up the hammer. He made a threat and I sprayed him with pepper spray. It had no effect. He ran out the door. There was a slight delay in my pursuit as the mall guards also deployed pepper spray and I had to duck out of the way.



The suspect headed south on Highland in the middle of the street. I gave him numerous commands to surrender, but he responded incoherently. I feared that he was going to do a carjacking as he kept approaching the driver's side of the many vehicles whose drivers were trying to get out of the way. The suspect would then run over to the west sidewalk where I was following and confront me with the hammer. There were numerous vehicles and pedestrians around making this a dangerous situation.

An LAPD unit arrived and the suspect ran off at a high rate of speed. He made it to the Chick-fil-A at Sunset and Highland where he met up with an LAPD Taser. This gave me a chance to catch up with the pursuit as I had been left in the dust by the suspect's sudden burst of speed. The suspect was arrested and loaded into an ambulance. He was still yelling incoherently. The suspect had committed an assault with a deadly weapon when he threatened the construction worker who tried to stop him from taking the hammer. He also made terrorist threats against me and committed felony vandalism when he broke the doors of the Foot Locker.

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On 9-17-17, we responded to a call of an assault at the Bank of America located at 6300 Sunset Blvd. Jose from Street Plus was working and using a blower. For an unknown reason this infuriated the suspect who approached and punched him in the face. Jose fell to the ground. He then got up and called BID security. We responded and placed the suspect under arrest.

On 9-21-17, we responded to a call of a trespasser at the Sunset and Vine Apartments located at 1555 Vine. It was a very hostile forty year old man named Jose. He had been warned numerous times about trespassing at the location. He was at the loading dock which is not open to the public. The onsite guard asked him to leave and Jose threatened to kill him.

We have had contact with Jose in the past and he has made numerous threats. He also clenches his fists and rapidly approaches the officers. On this occasion he shouted



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profanities and rushed toward an officer with clenched fists. He was then pepper sprayed and taken into custody. The LAPD responded and took custody.

On 12-15-17, we responded to a call of subjects trespassing at 1743 Cahuenga. Upon arrival the officers encountered Tomenique brandishing a knife. The guard at the location said that this woman and a man (Bryant) entered the property. He told them they were trespassing and the woman pulled a knife on him. Fearing for his life, he retreated and called BID security.

The suspect's started to exit the building. They saw our officers and tried to close the door. Our officers grabbed the door and placed the suspects under arrest for burglary. LAPD arrived in force including a helicopter. They took custody of the suspects.

The next day our officers were on patrol when they found Tomeroque trespassing outside of the location. They asked her to leave, but she started yelling profanities and refused to go. After numerous warnings she was placed under arrest for trespass.

DEPLOYMENT:

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot. We have shifts that start at 6:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., and noon.

TRAINING UPDATE:

During this year our officers received training in live fire range, FATS simulator, perimeter security, illness prevention, legal update, gate security, public relations, sexual harassment, IED bomb training, work place safety, cultural sensitivity, contact and cover, terrorism, personal protective equipment, Tasers, spit guards, defensive tactics, knife attacks, driver safety, heat illness, sharp officer, interpersonal relations, workplace safety, proper behavior and appearance, access control, situational awareness, active shooter, fire safety, trespass arrest protocols and other topics.